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FOR DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY EAGLEBURGER FROM CHARGE

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE REFTEL AND YOUR CONTINUED CLOSE AND SYMPATHETIC ATTENTION TO EMBASSY MOSCOW.
2. WE ARE NOW ACTIVELY REVIEWING POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND IF WE FIND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM, WE SHALL SUBMIT REQUESTS PROMPTLY TO M/FSI. AS I DISCUSSED WITH INSPECTION TEAM, I BELIEVE WE COULD ALSO UPGRADE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE BY MAKING A MORE SYSTEMATIC EFFORT TO ASSIGN TO MOSCOW THOSE YOUNG OFFICERS WHO ENTER THE SERVICE WITH SUBSTANTIAL RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE COMPETENCE. IN PRACTICAL TERMS, THIS MAY MEAN PANELLING SUCH CANDIDATES, AT LEAST PROVISIONALLY, AS MUCH AS 18 MONTHS IN ADVANCE, BECAUSE OTHERWISE THE SLOTS TEND TO BE ENCUMBERED WITH LANGUAGE TRAINEES STARTING FROM SCRATCH. WE SHALL BE SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES TO PERSONNEL SHORTLY.
3. REGARDING BRIEFING NEW EMPLOYEES, WE ARE TAKING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STEPS TO PROVIDE MORE COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL AND ALSO TO BEEF UP OUR WRITTEN MATERIALS (WHICH ARE ALREADY QUITE EXTENSIVE). YOUR SUGGESTION REGARDING PERIODIC MEETINGS IS AN EXCELLENT ONE. WE HAVE HAD THEM IN THE PAST, BUT ON AN AD HOC RATHER THAN A REGULAR BASIS. THEY WILL NOW BE

SCHEDULED AT SPECIFIC INTERVALS. MATLOCK

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